

Maintenance of hard surface domestic floors



Bona products have been protecting and maintaining timber floors worldwide for over 100 years. An important part of the Bona system is the ongoing care and maintenance of the floor. Bona have now taken that knowledge and used it to develop a maintenance system for hard surface floors. The following information will help you keep your sealed hard surface floors, including ceramic tiles, laminates, linoleum, vinyl and marble, clean and looking good.



Prevention

Preventative measures are very important in maintaining hard surface floors. Install a good quality mat both inside and outside of external doors. Mats should be as large as possible and able to remove both grit and moisture.

Whenever possible remove your shoes. This will help reduce the amount of dirt brought into the property and impact damage from stilettos. In very heavily trafficked areas, such as entrance halls and kitchens, the use of mats should be considered to reduce surface wear and potential dulling of the floor. Rugs should allow the floor to 'breathe'.

Irrespective of the substrate no surface can be considered to be immune to physical damage such as indentation or scratches. Use felt protective feet on all furniture legs / bases and lift and move things rather than dragging them to prevent damage. Similarly make sure that pet's claws are regularly trimmed to reduce the possibility of scratches and indentation.

Wipe up all spillage immediately it is noticed as in some cases this may result in permanent staining.

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Clean the floor regularly using dry cleaning methods. Suitable methods include the Bona Spray mop system with the Bona Dusting pad, soft broom or vacuum with a soft brush attachment. Regular removal of surface dirt and sand will prevent the surface from being scratched.

To remove water soluble dirt, clean using Bona Hard Surface Floor Cleaner. First dry clean the floor to remove surface dirt, etc. Spray the surface sparingly with Cleaner and clean using the Bona microfibre Cleaning pad. Rinse the mop pads regularly in clean water and replace when dirty. It is suggested that the Cleaning Pad is rinsed or replaced when 10 – 15 m² has been cleaned.

Bona Cleaning Pads can be washed at 60°C in a washing machine after use. They can be washed up to 500 times but should not be washed with added conditioner as this affects their effectiveness.

Excessive quantities of Cleaner may lead to product residues remaining on the floor resulting in a hazy discolouration being evident. If this happens simply clean the floor using water and gently rub the surface. This will redissolve any cleaner deposits and leave the surface looking as normal.

Avoid using household cleaners or polishes on the floor as these may damage the surface.

Deep Cleaning

Over time regular cleaning may not remove all the soluble material from the floor or is simply unable to remove spills of some materials. Where a build-up of material has occurred, the floor should be cleaned using Bona Hard Surface Floor Deep Cleaner and the Bona Deep Clean pad.

Bona Deep Cleaner products are based on a hydrogen peroxide formula which brings a greater cleaning power than Bona Stone, Tile and Laminate Cleaner. The oxygenated formula creates micro cleaning bubbles to loosen the dirt, deep clean and lift away the residue.

According to the CDC in the USA, hydrogen peroxide is a stable and effective disinfectant against a wide variety of microorganisms, including many bacteria and viruses, when used on hard, non-porous surfaces.

For the best results dust, etc. should be removed from the floor. Then clean in the normal manner before cleaning with the Deep Cleaner system. Spray an area with Bona Deep Cleaner and let the Cleaner work for a minute. Then wipe the surface using the Bona Deep Clean pad.

Maintenance

The use of Bona Stone, Tile and Laminate Polish may be considered if an area of a floor begins to look slightly dull in comparison to the remainder of the floor. Bona Stone, Tile & Laminate Polish is a ready-to-use water-based maintenance coating suitable for use on a large variety of hard surface floors including laminate flooring, vinyl, linoleum, unglazed tile (ceramic, quarry), stone and sealed marble. It brings a new shine to the floor whilst offering extended protection against wear.



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It is important to note that the product is **only** available in a **High Gloss** sheen and is **not suitable** therefore for restoring satin or matt surfaces; the sheen level will increase significantly.

Clean the floor thoroughly and allow the surface to dry. N.B. It is very important that the floor is clean as any remaining deposits of dirt, etc. will become trapped beneath the layer of Bona Stone, Tile & Laminate Polish and will be clearly visible.

Apply an even application of Bona Stone, Tile & Laminate Polish using the Bona Applicator pad on the Bona Mop. Detailed instructions may be found in the product datasheet. After 2 hours the floor may be trafficked and put back into normal use although the replacement of rugs, furniture etc. should be avoided for at least 12 hours. N.B. It is important that the whole floor is treated rather than small areas.

Normal cleaning can be continued using Bona Hard Surface Floor Cleaner and a Bona Cleaning Pad. When the floor is starting to show signs of wear and needs freshening up, clean and apply a new layer of Bona Stone, Tile & Laminate Polish. For the removal of polish build up use Bona Polish Remover as directed.

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